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Honourable Rochelle Squires, Minister Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage Room 118, Manitoba Legislative Building 450 Broadway Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Squires:

The Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA) would like to sincerely welcome and congratulate you in your new position as Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage. Public library services fall within your portfolio. I was most pleased to see that just shortly after taking office you attended the Manitoba Libraries Conference in person to bring opening greetings from the Province. This speaks highly of your commitment to your work and learning about the different branches of your Department.

MLTA's mission is to promote and foster the effectiveness of public library boards through leadership in communication, advocacy and support of trustee education.

The objectives of MLTA are:

- a. To be a voice for library trustees in Manitoba;
- b. To foster changes in government policies for libraries in Manitoba;
- c. To promote a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of library trustees;
- d. To provide opportunities for exchange of ideas and experiences amongst library trustees in Manitoba through conferences and publications; and
- e. To develop channels of communication with other provincial, national and international library trustee associations and other partners in order to share information and ideas.

Your Ministry supports our Association both financially as well as personally through the involvement of Trevor Surgenor, Director of Public Library Services Branch, who is an ex officio member of our Board of Directors. Without this assistance it would be much more difficult to support our public library boards. We sincerely thank your Department for its ongoing interest in our organization and mandate. I am enclosing a copy of our latest newsletter for your information. It can also be viewed online in the news section of our website. http://www.mlta.ca/

We look forward to continued cooperation and support from your branch of the Ministry

Sincerely,

Donna Kormilo, Chair

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